

BOY SCOUTS LAUNCH FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN TO DEVELOP NEW CAMP HERE

Harbor district Boy Scouts of America Saturday will launch a money-raising campaign to finance the development of the Scout camp site on 101 highway in Clifton Riviera into one of the finest camps of its kind in the west, according to Morris T. Bewley, Scout executive for the district.

Included in the plan for the development is the creation of a central council fire site to be named "Zamperini Camp Fire Circle" after Lt. Louis Zamperini A.A.F., former Torrance Boy Scout who has been held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese since his capture following the crashing of his plane in the South Pacific more than two years ago.

Also it is planned to construct a large assembly hall and directors' quarters and generally improve the nine-acre site for use of the Scouts of the Harbor District and Centinela Valley councils.

The site was donated to the City of Torrance by the interests represented by W. Vaughn Scott for Boy Scout purposes, and it will be known as W. Vaughn Scott Camp.

Throughout the several cities of the Harbor District council, a campaign among Scouts for donations will be conducted during the coming week, in an effort to raise a total of \$15,000, Bewley said. The campaign has War Chest approval, but as the War Chest does not make capital outlays, funds for development of the camp must be raised outside the chest, Bewley said.

Also to benefit by the \$15,000 fund will be the Sea Scout base near Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro.

"We feel that it is more than worth the few dollars put out to build good camps for boys of our communities, and the only way we can keep them interested during the summer is to provide camps, long and short term," Bewley said.

"If we give our time and money for the youth of today, we are making good citizens for tomorrow."

W. E. Bowen is the finance chairman for the harbor district council to raise the fifteen thousand dollars needed for the Scout camp development.

Garrigan Wins Soldier's Medal For Bravery

When an enemy aircraft scored a direct hit on a supply building with a large incendiary bomb, trapping several men in the blazing wreckage, Tech. Sgt. Stanley R. Garrigan, brother of Mary Ellen Sleppy of Torrance, ran into the flaming structure and assisted in the rescue of the wounded men.

For this action on Luzon he has been awarded the Soldier's Medal by Major Gen. William Gill, commander of the 32d (Red Arrow) Infantry Division.

Sergeant Garrigan's citation read in part: "His life was endangered by the presence of inflammable oils and grease, which added to the fury of the fire. This act performed by Garrigan was instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men."

Donald Baxter Promoted During Pacific Action

Despite the most adverse of war-time conditions for study, Donald A. Baxter, USN, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunbar, reside at 1221 Acacia st., Torrance, found the necessary time between this warship's ear-splitting bombardments and enemy air attacks, since the invasion of Iwo Jima and during this new major operation at Okinawa, to pass the Navy's rigid examinations qualifying him as a water tender third class.

The date of the promotion was May first. Particular praise is deserved for Baxter as this advancement was attained while on one of the Pacific Fleet's greatest engagements, and, as a member of a heavy cruiser crew he also had to maintain his battle station and stand watches, day and night, for many long, tiring and sleepless hours, almost to the front door of Tokyo itself.

FRED E. SMITH
Cpl. Fred E. Smith, who was wounded in action in Germany, arrived recently following hospitalization in England.



ENJOYS LEAVE . . . S/Sgt. George W. Post, A.A.F., returned Wednesday of last week for a 30-day leave from duty in the E.T.O. A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Post, he was an enlisted bombardier on the fortress "Last Year's Fun" and participated in raids over Dresden, Bremen and other important German and French objectives. S/Sgt. Post has been awarded the E.T.O. Ribbon, Air Medal, Presidential Citation and American Defense Ribbon. At the conclusion of his leave he will report for Pacific duty.

Kenneth Tudor Reported Killed In Air Battle

Another Torrance soldier has met death on the battlefields of the Pacific war, reports from the War department this week revealing that Cpl. Kenneth Tudor, 21 of 21739 S. Western ave., was killed in action June 6. He was a tail gunner on an AAF bomber.

It is believed he was killed in the Luzon campaign and he had served in the AAF since 1942. He was last home in July, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tudor, and brother of Dana Tudor, a Torrance high school student.

\$7354 Allowed By County For Local Parkway

A resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, authorizing an appropriation for the improvement of Palos Verdes Parkway in the City of Torrance in the amount of \$7,354.59, and in the City of Redondo in the sum of \$727.38.

LEONARD HARRIS

J. Leonard Harris, a sergeant, serving in A.A.F., recently enjoyed a 15 days' leave from Richmond Air Base, Va., where he is an athletic instructor. With his wife, Claudia, and their two-year-old daughter Jo, he was a recent visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. May Harris, of 822 Sartori and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Minot Rugg, also of this city.



FERN AVENUE SCHOOL IS WINNER . . . Tops in fire prevention activity is this group of Fern Avenue school children who made a clean-sweep of all awards in the annual Torrance Junior Fire Department fire hazard correction campaign. All of the shiny, new badges went to the one school, six girls and one boy being tied at the last minute for the title of assistant chief. Shown above, the officials are, bottom row, left to right, Florida Garcia, Fern Avenue battalion chief, present semester; Claudette Buckley, Fern Avenue battalion chief, next semester; Marilyn Schumert, fire chief for the entire city; Helen McBride, assistant chief, entire city; Joyce Bever, Fern Avenue captain. Second row, left to right, Barbara Hof, Barbara Ludwig and Arthur Parades, Fern Avenue captains. Top row, left to right, Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, Fern Avenue Principal Mary Charlotte Waddell, Mrs. M. Lockhart, teacher in charge of the junior fire department; Nancy Allen, Fern Avenue captain, and Captain J. R. Winters, Torrance Fire Department, in charge of the junior group's activities. Several hundred corrections of fire hazards were made to win the badges. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Bus Dept. Fare Boxes Reflect Most of Gain

Fare boxes on the buses of Torrance Municipal Bus lines reflected most of the gain in revenue during the month of May over April, a survey of receipts this week revealed.

The revenue for May was \$11,655.27 against \$10,753.27 for April and the fare box revenue for May was \$4,846.68 against \$4,119.10 in April.

All other sources of revenue reflected some gain, however, the reports reveal.

In May the following revenue was received other than from fare boxes: Beacon Drug Co., agency \$2,679.15; Tenth and Hill depot, \$3,871.60; commutation books, \$114.15; additional tickets, \$134.40, and miscellaneous, \$9.29. Revenue from the Torrance local lines was \$1,640.62 compared with \$1,454.80 in April.

The date of installation of the new service by way of Torrance Blvd. to Redondo Beach, Clifton Riviera and Walteria had not been announced at press time, due to complications in working out the schedule, it was said.

Lt. R. P. Woods Dies in Action, Report Reveals

News of the death of First Lt. Richard P. Woods, the brother of Mrs. Herbert S. Etcheagaray, teacher of English and social studies at Torrance High school, has just been received. He was killed in action in the Battle of the Ardennes on Dec. 20, 1944, while serving as communications officer of his regiment. Word listing him as missing in action was received January 14.

Lieutenant Woods was born and educated in Los Angeles, where he graduated from Los Angeles High school and from the University of California at Los Angeles. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and was its president in his senior year. In February, 1942, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army, and he received further military training at Fort Benning Infantry School after entering active service. In June, 1944, he went overseas as a replacement officer and was assigned to the 100th Regiment, 28th Division of Hodges' First Army.

Lieutenant Woods leaves his widow, Priscilla Bradburn Woods; a two-year-old son, Richard P. Woods III; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Woods; his brother, Lieut. Col. Robert L. Woods; and his sister, Mrs. Etcheagaray.

Sanitary Sewer For Clifton Heights Okayed

Plans and specifications for sanitary sewers in Avenue "A" in the locality known as Clifton Heights, southeast of Redondo Beach, were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. A 60% petition for this sewer installation has been filed by the Board Supervisor Raymond V. Darby situated.



BID FAREWELL TO TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL . . . This group of members of the senior "A" class of Torrance high school, together with a group of others not present for the picture because they are serving in the United States Armed Forces, will bid good-bye to the school at commencement exercises tonight in the high school auditorium. The picture was taken just before the baccalaureate services, conducted by Torrance ministers, Sunday in the Evangelical church. There are 74 members of the class and they have received various school and community felicitations this week. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Plans Shaping Up for Third Annual Torrance Rodeo to Be Held July 4

Plans are shaping for Torrance's fourth of July celebration which will feature the Third Annual Torrance Rodeo.

More than six thousand persons from Torrance and surrounding communities are expected to attend the big affair, and provisions for seating them are being made by the renting of some 2,000 additional seats. The affair has become definitely established as a Torrance "institution," and rapidly is taking its place as one of the feature rodeo attractions of the west, it is said.

H. C. "Curley" Callihan, chairman of the rodeo committee declared that the mere fact that the Cowboy Association of America had granted the July 4, Independence day, date to the Torrance show is evidence itself of the prestige of the local rodeo.

"The special date was given only after careful consideration by the C. A. A., otherwise the cowboys themselves, The granting of the July 4 date, which is sought after by numerous rodeo committees, is proof enough that the Torrance rodeo is tops, and that the riders and ropers appreciate the welcome and 'raring' good time that is given them by the citizens of Torrance who make this show possible."

The committee has lined up some of the best trick, ropers, clowns, and added features that are possible to find.

"Cindy" Stewart and her "Round Up Gang" are to furnish cowboy and modern music for the dance after the rodeo. Tickets may be obtained at Beacon Drug Co.

Two Police Cars Hit; Backing Violators Warned

Take a tip from us! Watch it when you back out onto a highway or pull away from the curbing in your car. Fifteen cases of accidents caused by such carelessness have been reported in one week; two of them involved police cars which were hit by cars pulling away from the curb.

With damaged fenders on his cars and "blood in his eyes," Chief of Police John Strohs says it has to stop, or violators will be cited under Section No. 548 of the California Vehicle Code which reads, "no person shall start a vehicle stopped, standing or parked on a highway, nor shall any person back a vehicle on a highway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety."

TO ARRIVE SOON

Staff Sergeant Roy W. Sullivan will arrive late this month for a leave from South Pacific duty following more than three years' overseas service. The serviceman, who was wounded April 10, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Sullivan, of 1919 1/2 Gramercy ave.

R. O. Bextel One of Heroes On Franklin

Richard O. Bextel, seaman, 1/c, whose mother, Mrs. Alice Bextel, lives at 1116 Sartori st., Torrance, was one of the heroes aboard "Big Ben," the now famous carrier U. S. S. Franklin, whose miraculous survival of an aerial bombing in the Pacific has become one of the most dramatic sea stories of the war.

The ship which the Japanese boasted they had sunk now is safely back in New York. The Franklin was operating 60 miles off Japan with a fast carrier task force on the morning of March 19. Many of her planes were on deck, loaded with bombs, rockets and machine-gun ammunition, preparing to take off.

It was at this, her most vulnerable moment, that a Jap dive bomber streaked down out of the clouds and released two 550-pound bombs. Within a minute the bombs had started a train of fires and explosions which for hours seared and shattered the carrier's frame. Resulting fires were fed by thousands of gallons of aviation gasoline.

In this dark hour, when it seemed the Franklin must be abandoned her crew wrote one of the brightest chapters in the long story of Naval heroism at sea. With 341 shipmates killed, 431 missing, and 900 wounded, those who were left outwitted the fires, patched up the damage and brought the 27,000-ton ship 12,000 miles back home.

Red Cross Blood Bank

The Los Angeles Chapter of Red Cross Blood Donor Center needs 9000 pints of blood each week if we are to back up the fighting men over there. Now, for the first time, it is possible to dedicate your pint of blood to someone in the armed forces. The next visit of the Mobile Unit in Torrance will be June 29 from 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at Civic Auditorium. Five hundred registrations will be needed to supply the quota, according to Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood donor chairman. Call Torrance Branch Red Cross Blood Donor Center today and make an appointment to dedicate your blood to someone overseas. Phone 1524.

Trying To Get Friend Out Of Jail Costs \$25

There are times when it is less expensive not to try to give a friend a "helping hand." Especially, if both you and the friend have had a couple. D. E. Yancey tried it, and it cost him \$25. He tried to help E. A. Dool out of the City Jail.

A little too ambitious about it, he was booked for disturbing the peace, to which charge he entered a plea of guilty before City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Dool paid \$40 for drunk and disturbing the peace.

Torrance CB Helps Save Two PT Boats

Machinist's Mate Third Class Hossai E. (Buddy) McFarland, son of H. C. McFarland, 1317 1/2



H. E. (Buddy) McFARLAND Helps Save PT Boats

Crenshaw Blvd., and three Seabee buddies saved two PT boats in a Philippine port during the worst of a hurricane, with Jap planes flying overhead.

During a lashing storm the two boats were lifted broadside and deposited high and dry on the beach, their keels clearing the tide by several feet.

McFarland and his buddies, using a fire pump, washed the sand from beneath the boats, setting them about five feet. On the seaward side, a channel was dug to let in the water. The first boat was floated in 48 hours, the second in less than half that time. The two crafts, valued at \$600,000, came off gently and without damage.

During the hurricane other PT boats circled in the undisclosed Philippine harbor, unable to head seaward because of the heavy weather, and forced to use all their power to keep from being washed ashore.

McFarland's colleagues in the dangerous undertaking were Orville E. Skinner, Thermopolis, Wyo.; Charles H. Thompson, Jr., Latrobe, Pa.; and Clifford L. Haskins, Hoquiam, Wash. His wife, Zenora, who works in a defense plant here, lives with his father. He has two sisters, Mrs. Maxine Rupe, 1620 W. 203rd st.; and Mrs. Juanita Roberts, 1208 W. Broadway, Anaheim. A cousin, Oma Crowder, lives at 1883 Lanham ct., Banning Homes, Wilmington. McFarland entered the service in July, 1943, going overseas in February, 1944. He was stationed at New Guinea for a time and later transferred to the Philippines.

TORRANCE HIGH SENIOR CLASS TO GRADUATE AT COMMENCEMENT TONIGHT

The graduating seniors of Torrance High school will receive their diplomas at 8 o'clock this evening.

They will march down the aisle to "Pomp and Circumstance," by Sir Edward Elgar, played by the high school orchestra. A special rendition of the Recessional, by Reginald de Koven, will be given by Barbara Jean Moyer, Ralph H. Pegors, William Clair Shaner, Lucille Smith, Elsa Anne Stanley. Following this, invocation will be given by Rev. Ronald Mennuir.

Speeches will be presented around the theme of "The Climax of the Ages" in which Betty Eiesel, Elsa Stanley, Doris Thompson, and Charles Duane will participate.

Lucille Smith will sing, "I Hear a Thrush at Eve."

Tributes will then be given to absent members of the class receiving diplomas and to former members of the class who are serving in the armed forces.

Eunice Abramson will play "Waltz in C sharp Minor" by Chopin. The presentation of the class and class gift will be made by William Shaner.

After the singing of the Alma Mater by the graduating class, diplomas will be presented by Miss Elizabeth Parks and Harold E. Perry, vice principal and principal of Torrance High school. Names will be read by Werner Sommer and Richard Honrath.

Special honors in the class will go to the following graduates: Ephebeians: Jane Ritchie and Robert Maxfield; science, Robert Maxfield; George Arakawa, Bettie Johnson and William Shaner; and the Danforth award to Elsa Stanley; Life members of California Scholarship Federation: Barbara Lock, Robert Maxfield, Jane Ritchie, Werner Sommer, and Elsa Stanley.

Under findings of fact, the certificate reads in part: "By means of the short extension herein proposed, the Santa Fe Railway would be enabled to serve Long Beach directly, on equal terms with other railroads, and this would be of public benefit in improved service, through elimination of delays and congestion of traffic incidental to the interchange of traffic that is now necessary. . . ."

It is clear that the ability of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific and the Pacific Electric to serve Long Beach and the public generally will not be impaired or lessened by this consideration. . . ."

In the conclusion, the certificate reads in part: ". . . Since the other carriers in the territory have failed to agree on trackage rights for the Santa Fe Railway over existing facilities, or for unified terminal operation. . . it is necessary that the Santa Fe Railway provide its own facility for the purpose. . . ."

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Killed were James P. Simpson, 27, of 1453 W. 48th st., and Clarence Lee Marindale, 27, of 2374 W. Washington blvd. Francis T. Rickette, 25, of 1314 W. Gage ave., was treated for shock and concussion.

Sheriff's deputies were unable to determine who was driving the machine as Rickette lapsed into unconsciousness shortly after being admitted to General hospital.

Torrance Baby Falls Into Ocean

Dean Nichol, 30, of 1540 W. 203rd st., Torrance, leaped into heavy surf to recover his baby son who had tumbled from the crowded Monstad fishing pier at Redondo Beach, Sunday. Nichol was able to hold the baby, David, 2, above water until both were rescued by Los Angeles County lifeguards, Bill Stidham and Herb Barthels. The baby was unharmed except for bruises suffered when he washed against barnacles on pilings under the pier.

Two Men Die In Auto-Train Crash Nearby

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Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: Radio commentators have a way of appealing to the listener through the voice. Which do you consider gives the greatest feeling of warmth? Answer: Heater.